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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 19 to 24 October 1993.

19 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

20 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

21 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Sinjar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 5 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jabayish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Salman and Qal'at Salih.

22 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

23 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

24 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 24 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Rumaythah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1250 hours on 24 October 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over Basra, Artawi, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Rifa'i and Jalibah. It returned at 1515 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
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